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## PEAVINE COAL COMPANY TO BEGIN WORK SOON

Completely Reorganized and Active  
Work Expected to Begin in a  
Short Time.

Last week J. H. Ragsdale, president of the Peavine Coal Company was in town and made a pleasant call at this office. He stated that there had been a complete reorganization of the company and that new men were in charge.

He was much pleased with the property his company had acquired, which he stated consisted of 6,000 acres of coal land that is underlaid with a very high quality of coal.

He further stated that his company was incorporated for \$600,000 and that it is the purpose of the company to sell their bonds in the eastern market and then engage a competent coal man to direct the development of the property. He stated that it would necessitate the extension of the present railroad a few miles in order to reach the most advantageous part of the coal property. He expected extensive work to begin with in a short time. It would embrace the building of numerous houses for miners, the erection of a commissary building, making several coal openings and a broad general development such as large output of coal for the general market would require.

He did not give any definite date for starting the work, but from his talk we gather it to be the purpose of his company to push development to the utmost so soon as funds become available through the sale of the bonds of the company.

President Ragsdale has resided for several years at Pulaski, is a prominent real estate man and is held in high esteem by the leading business men of that town and section.

## HE APPROVES OUR COURSE

Last week too late for publication we received a letter from P. E. Radford, Ozone, from which we take the following:

"I was very glad to read your editorial in last week's paper on Revivals and whiskey, if I may call it such. I am glad that your paper is using its influence to build up a sentiment against one of the worst evils that this country is cursed with. It will be hard to have those who have grown up with it to see the evil of their way, but let us do all that is possible to have our young men and boys understand what a hell on earth it makes for so many. In our revivals and religious life we are so apt to preach of the life to come without fighting to move some of the obstacles that keep back so many of our young people from realizing that life. It is hard to legislate people into a righteous life, and hard to destroy an evil which sentiment is not against. The Prohibition Law will never be fully respected until people fully realize that whiskey is a detriment that will always keep our nation in slavery, to some extent. The use of it can well be given up, there is no greater force than the press of this day in building up a sentiment against this evil.

Very sincerely,  
P. E. Radford.

The Mission Band of the Christian church will give a lawn social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Horn, Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Refreshments will be on sale. Don't forget to bring your pocket book. Public cordially invited.

## CITY BONDS MAY SELL; OPTION GIVEN TO OCT. 20

Par to Be Bid With an Expense Account That Makes Selling Price Around Ninety Cents.

At the meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Friday night, C. H. Little representing I. B. Tigrett and Company, Memphis and Jackson, was present and made an offer for the \$20,000 of school bonds authorized by the voters of the corporation some months ago for the erection of a public school building.

Repeated efforts have been made to dispose of the bonds but in no instance has a par offer been received. In this case it is understood that a par bid will be made and that \$1,500 will be allowed as an attorney's fee for passing on the validity of the bonds and \$500 for furnishing the bonds. That will virtually mean a reduction of the actual cost of the bonds of \$2,000, which would bring the net price to the city down to 90 cents or a total of \$18,000.

While the law specifically states that the bonds shall not sell for less than par, the supreme court has in several instances ruled that the expense feature was within the provisions of the law and makes the sale legal.

It was understood, and so stated in the city court records, that in case the bonds are purchased by the company represented by Mr. Little that Mr. Little's company will pay the cost of the attorney's fee for passing and rendering opinion on the validity of the bond issue. In case Mr. Little's company does not become the purchasers of the bonds, the cost of the opinion as to validity of issue shall not exceed \$75 to the city.

It was realized that before the bonds could be sold an opinion would have to be secured from some well known bond attorneys and that the \$75 paid for that service was not excessive.

It is very unpleasant to think that our town must lose ten percent on bonds issued for the erection of a public school building, but the bond market has been such ever since the bonds were authorized that sale at par was impossible. This condition is due almost entirely to the fact that so many government bonds issued for war purposes can be bought below par and at such a reduction as makes Crossville city bonds not readily saleable in spite of the fact that they bear interest at six percent and government bonds bear only five and a half. One can readily see how government bonds at that slight difference on interest should be more sought after than Crossville city bonds. Conditions have been such that war bonds have been purchased at as low as 80 cents on the dollar. At this time they are considerable higher and are constantly advancing, but the point has not yet been reached when they are not more desirable than our city bonds.

Some may be inclined to censure the city fathers for selling the bonds at this season of the year as it will be impossible to use the money for a few months, yet they would be drawing interest. Cashier J. S. Reed was present and proffered on the part of the bank to take care of the interest for four months, provided the funds were deposited in the First National Bank, Crossville.

The option given was to expire October 21. It was further agreed that should any person desire the bonds at a higher compensation, the city would be at liberty to sell them to any other person at the higher rate. The only condition being that the city should not go into the market seeking a buyer until after the option

## HOME BURNED AT LINARY LAST FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Wed Houston Loses Home and Contents, Including Clothing of Family; Neighbors Will Rebuild.

Friday afternoon about two o'clock the home of Wed Houston, Linary, seven miles from Crossville, was found to be on fire and before anything could be done the fire had gained so much headway that only a few bed clothing were saved. Practically all the clothing of the family was lost.

The fire seems to have caught from the cook stove or the pipe chimney. Mr. Houston was away from home working in the timber when the fire occurred and knew nothing of it until he came home at night.

He is a man of family, having a wife and four children, the youngest being a babe of only a few days. They lost considerable canned fruit along with the furniture and other household effects.

Neighbors are arranging to rebuild his house for him. The Houston home was a two-story, four-room residence. It had been built several years and being a frame structure it burned very rapidly. A petition was circulated here in town Monday and several dollars were donated.

## M. E. CHURCH SCHOOL READY VERY SOON

Laundry and Lighting Plant to Be Constructed; Many Applications.

The first building for the opening of the M. E. Church South school, two miles north of town, is expected to be completed so far as to enable them to begin receiving students not later than the first of the coming month. The carpenter work on the building which will accommodate 50 students, is expected to be completed by the 19th instant, one week from today.

Besides the present building there will be erected at once a laundry building and a lighting plant. The heating fixtures are being installed as the carpenter work proceeds and every indication points to the equipment being ready for active work in a very few weeks.

The school has received applications from more students than it seems possible for them to fully accommodate this year, but it may result in several seeking lodging here in Crossville and attending the school by going back and forth nights and mornings. Every possible effort will be made to accommodate as fully as possible all students that may apply.

Mrs. W. B. Deadrick, Nashville, and Mrs. B. F. Benton, Lexington, Ky., are here visiting their sister, Mrs. T. R. Haley.

Mrs. M. L. Kearley, who has been here for a few weeks from Los Angeles, Cal., visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Martin, and other relatives, left yesterday for her home. She will pass a few days in Nashville visiting her sister and from there go to Buhl, Idaho, to visit her daughter before leaving directly for her home.

The Baptist church will give a reception at the church Thursday evening at 7 P. M. for the new pastor, Rev. W. C. Creasman, and his wife, to be followed by a social hour at which refreshments will be served. Members of other congregations are cordially invited to attend.

should expire, which would be twelve days.

## COMMITTEE MEETS; PRIMARY DATE SET

Saturday, November 26, Is the Date Set by Majority Vote of Committee.

The Republican County Executive Committee met Monday shortly after noon, but there not being a quorum of ten members present, Chairman J. W. Dorton adjourned the meeting until one o'clock.

Upon the roll being called by Secretary H. C. Hendley at one o'clock it was found there was a quorum present and business was proceeded with. Clerk Hendley tendered his resignation as secretary on the grounds of his being a candidate and that he felt it neither fair nor wise for him to hold the office of Secretary while he is a candidate. His resignation was accepted and Judge S. N. Smith put in nomination Mrs. Grace Reed for the place. On behalf of Mrs. Reed Mr. Hendley stated that she wished to be excused from accepting the place for the reason that she would very likely become a candidate herself. Thereupon the name of S. C. Bishop was put before the committee. Mr. Bishop informed the committee that he had no desire for the place but would willingly serve the party, if they wished, but that he would be just as well or better pleased if some other person was chosen. No other names being presented Mr. Bishop was elected secretary and at once entered upon the duties of the office.

J. L. Anderson moved that the primary election be held the second Saturday in April and Judge S. N. Smith proposed the third Saturday in November. After some discussion the vote was taken on the motion of Mr. Anderson and it was lost by a vote of 14 to 4. The motion of Judge Smith was then further discussed and his motion was amended to read Saturday, November 26, which is the last Saturday in the month. Upon the vote being taken there were no opposition votes and Saturday, November 26, was designated as the date for holding the primary. It was then unanimously voted that a Republican primary be held to select candidates for the office of Trustee, Register, Sheriff, County Court Clerk and Circuit Court Clerk.

Every avowed candidate was present and was called upon to express his or her preference as to the time of holding the primary election. While all expressed a willingness to abide by the decision of the majority, it was clearly manifest that the fall primary would suit better than the time designated the coming spring.

J. L. Anderson then presented the motion that should any candidate, after his or her nomination, so conduct himself or herself as to be guilty of gross misconduct, the party and the voters should feel themselves released from the obligation of supporting or voting for them. After some discussion it was directed that the sense of the motion be incorporated in the Rules and Regulations that should be later drafted to govern the coming primary election.

### COMMITTEES.

The following persons were designated as a committee to draft Rules and Regulations to govern the coming primary election: Geo. P. Burnett, S. C. Bishop and F. L. Hamby. The vote for this committee was unanimous.

A sub-committee consisting of J. W. Dorton, C. B. Turner, Jere Morrow, D. W. Lundy and S. N. Smith was named to consider the Rules and Regulations after same had been drafted and the date set for hearing and passing on them was Monday, October

## PASSED TO THE BEYOND; FROM PARALYTIC STROKE

Miss Ann McEwin, Well Known in This County, Died at Chattanooga, October 5.

Miss Ann McEwin, aged 85, died at a local hospital, Chattanooga, last Wednesday, October 5, as the result of a paralytic stroke which she sustained September 26, from which she was rendered unconscious and never rallied. She was attended by her niece, Miss Anna Center, a trained nurse. For the funeral the remains were taken to the home of her niece, Mrs. Martin, 426 McCallie Ave., with whom she had made her home for the past six years. The remains were laid to rest in the home plot of Mrs. Martin in Forest Hill cemetery, Chattanooga, beside her sister, the late Mrs. Gillispie.

The deceased made her home for many years with her sister, Mrs. Thomas C. Center, a few miles from Crab Orchard, this county. Her life had been one of the most unselfish services for others. She assisted very materially in rearing the Center children, which numbered ten or more. In this section she had many warm friends and admirers. Hers was a most lovely Christian character and won for her the warmest esteem of practically every one with whose life she came in touch. Her hurrying feet were wont to go on many messages of mercy and love for those in need and distress. Pangs of deep regret will be felt by many hearts in this section by her taking away.

## PLEASANT HILL

Football practice every evening.

The girls are beginning basket ball practice.

Miss Davis took the girls for a picnic supper Saturday.

The cafeteria suppers Sunday evenings are a delightful innovation and greatly enjoyed by the students and faculty.

Friday night a pie supper at Wheeler Hall which proved a very jolly affair; the proceeds are for refurbishing the girl's parlor.

The Girls' Missionary Society held the first meeting of the season Friday afternoon.

Essie Edwards led the Consecration meeting at Christian Endeavor Sunday night.

Gordan, Anna and Rachel Roberts went home for the day, Sunday to assist in the celebration of their youngest brother's sixth birthday.

"Uncle John" Cooley, ninety seven years old, spent a few days with his son, Jim Cooley the past week. The burden of his years rests very lightly on "Uncle John's" shoulders, and in spirit as in bodily vigor, he is alert and keen. The father of twenty-six children, he had nineteen sons who voted with him at one election for Bryan. He went through the Civil War from start to finish, and his stories of his experiences are most stirring. In these days of peace the warfare of the spirit occupies much of his thought, and his deeply religious life has made an impress on many.

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Miss Fay Bandy is visiting her aunt, Mrs. H. E. Beadle, Crawford, this week. She is expected home the latter part of this week.

17. The vote for this committee was unanimous.

There being no further business the committee adjourned to meet again upon the call of the chairman.